The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A transport apparatus adapted to convey an article in a predetermined conveyance direction, comprising:

a trough in which the article to be conveyed is adapted to be placed, the trough including one of a first protruding part and a depressed part; and

a reciprocating movement mechanism having a parallel link and a rotation motor, the rotation motor being operatively coupled to the parallel link to transmit a rotary force in one rotational direction to the parallel link ~~first support member, the reciprocating movement being configured~~ to reciprocatingly move the trough via the parallel link ~~first support member~~ along the conveyance direction of the article, such that a movement of the trough in a direction opposite the conveyance direction is faster than a movement in the conveyance direction, the parallel link ~~first support member~~ including the other of the first protruding part and the depressed part,

the first protruding part being removably connected to the depressed part.

2. (Currently Amended) The transport apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

the ~~first support member~~ parallel link has the depressed part that faces vertically upward.

3. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein:

at least one of the first and second support members has the depressed part that faces horizontally.

4. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein

the second support member has the depressed part facing horizontally, and is located at a position shifted in the direction opposite the conveyance direction relative to the first support member, and

the depressed part of the second support member faces the conveyance direction.

5. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the first protruding part is provided on an underside surface of the trough.

6. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein the first and second protruding parts are provided on only one lateral side of the trough.

7. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein a conveyance direction center of the first and second support members is shifted in the direction opposite the conveyance direction relative to a conveyance direction center of the trough.

8. (Previously Presented) A combination weighing apparatus, comprising:
the transport apparatus according to Claim 1;
a weighing unit configured to weigh material fed by the transport apparatus;
a stock unit configured to store the material weighed by the weighing unit;
a control unit operatively coupled to the weighing unit and the stock unit to conduct combination weighing and select material to be discharged; and
a discharge unit configured to discharge the material selected by the control unit.

9. (Currently Amended) The transport apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the trough has the first protruding part and a second protruding part, and
the parallel link of the reciprocating movement mechanism includes a pair of first and second support members with the first support member having the depressed part removably connected to the first protruding part and the second support member having ~~has a second support member that has~~ a depressed part that is removably connected to [[,]] the second protruding part ~~being removably connected to the depressed part of the second support member~~.

10. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein at least one of the first and second support members has the depressed part that faces vertically.

11. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein both of the first and second support members have the depressed part that faces horizontally.

12. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the depressed part of the first support member faces horizontally in the direction opposite the conveyance direction.

13. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein both of the first and second support members have the depressed part that faces vertically.

14. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein both of the first and second protruding parts are provided on an underside surface of the trough.

15. (Previously Presented) The transport apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the depressed part and the first protruding part are corresponding in size.